

**MSC EVALUATION OF THE  
US Pacific Halibut Hook-and-Line Fishery  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1st ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT**

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the Assessment Process. The fishery was MSC re-certified in August 2011. The current audit will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery in the Assessment.

The assessment team from Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) will be conducting meetings in Seattle, WA (USA), with a provisional date of September 20 and 21. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishermen, fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery. Short Assessment Team biographies are on page 2 of this document.

Unit of Certification	
Species	<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>
Gear Type	Hook-and-Line, Longline
Geographical Area	Bering Sea, Alaska, Washington (USA)
Stock	Single Stock
Management System	TAC and minimum size limit. Gear restrictions.
Client Group	Fishing Vessel Owner's Association and Eat on the Wild Side

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. As a result, this notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and provide

- a) your name and contact details;
- b) your association with the fishery; and
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Please contact SCS by 1700 GMT 19 September 2012.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

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Assessment Team for the SCS 1st Annual Surveillance of the fishery:

**Dr. Tom Jagielo, Fisheries Consultant and P1**

Dr. Jagielo is recently retired from the Washington Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (WDFW) where he completed his career as a Senior Research Scientist. Mr. Jagielo completed a B. Sc. degree in biology with marine science emphasis at Penn State in 1977 and an M. Sc. degree in Fisheries in 1984 while working as a staff biologist on limnology and biological oceanography projects for the University of WA. He spent his 24 year career with WDFW specializing in groundfish stock assessment, adapting state of the art tools and methods to the task of assessing marine fish populations for sustainable fisheries management. Mr. Jagielo has produced numerous stock assessments used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), including analysis of lingcod, black rockfish, and yelloweye rockfish populations. His early assessment of West Coast lingcod identified the stock as overfished, and his rebuilding analysis adopted by PFMC ultimately resulted in a rebuilt population within the established 10 year time frame. Tom served on the PFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the US-Canada Groundfish Technical Subcommittee (TSC) for over 15 years.

**Ms. Adrienne Vincent Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) Team Leader and P2**

Ms. Vincent is a marine biologist that has worked closely with finfish species of commercial importance including California halibut (*Paralichthys californicus*). After completing her B.Sc. in biology from the University of Oregon she completed an e.M.B. in marine science with the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology and focused on marine species management, estuarine trophic relationships, and plankton distribution based on real time oceanographic conditions. Ms. Vincent thereafter joined the State Managed Finfish Project with the California Department of Fish and Game where she worked on stock assessment and management issues. Ms. Vincent managed the hook-and-line and trawl fishery independent sampling (indices of abundance) and by-catch rate surveys as well as halibut movement and age structure studies. Since with SCS, she has been involved with the MSC certifications of US Pacific halibut, US Pacific sablefish and Scotian Shelf shrimp. She is leading the Hokkaido set net chum MSC full assessment and the Iturup pink and chum fishery surveillance. Ms. Vincent is a certified lead auditor under the International Standard Organization (ISO) 9001:2008 certification requirement, SA8000 social accountability auditor, chain-of-custody auditor and is qualified to lead Risk-Based-Framework and Low-Trophic-Level MSC Assessments.

**Mr. Bruce Turris, Pacific Fisheries Management Inc. and P3**

Mr. Turris has been involved with commercial fisheries management on the west coast of Canada for 25 years. The focus of his work has been in the design, development, and implementation of new management systems. Mr. Turris has been integral in the first at-sea observer program, the design of individual vessel quotas (IVQs) for the Pacific halibut, and the design and implementation of the first dockside monitoring program for all groundfish fisheries in Canada. President of Pacific Fisheries Management Inc., Mr. Turris provides consulting, executive management, policy and strategic planning services for individuals, companies, NGOs and government agencies involved in commercial fisheries. He focuses on policy development, program analysis, and the negotiation, coordination and implementation of commercial fishery management programs. Mr. Turris was also the Pacific halibut and sablefish coordinator for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans where he was the liaison with industry representatives and a developer of long-term management plans and operational procedures. As an economist, Mr. Turris focused on cost/benefit analysis for commercial fisheries and developed policy recommendations for management systems and measures.

Since the fishery was re-certified, members of the original assessment team are now working directly with the MSC or with the IPHC and therefore have a conflict of interest. The current assessment team collectively have similar qualifications to undertake this surveillance audit.